

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

In this response, Fig. 1 has been subdivided into Figs. 1A and 1B. This subdivision is deemed to overcome the objection raised under 37 CFR 1.84(h)(5). Corresponding amendments have been made to the specification to accommodate this change.

REMARKS

The abstract has been amended in a manner which overcomes the objections raised in connection therewith. The drawings have been amended to overcome the objection under 37 CFR 1.84(h)(5), and the specification has been amended to reflect the subdivision of Fig. 1 into Figs. 1A and 1B. Additional clarifying changes have been implemented to better conform the specification to current US practice.

Claims 1 and 2 have been cancelled and replaced with new claims 3 and 4 which are set forth in terms which are both clear and distinct. The cancellation of claims 1 and 2 of course renders the rejections under 35 USC § 112 moot.

Inasmuch as the newly presented claims are based on the content of the originally presented claims, it is submitted that they contain subject matter which is, as per the indication in paragraph #5 of this Office Action, allowable.

Favorable consideration of the newly presented claims is courteously solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 07-1337 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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